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The Cancer Information Service of the Rocky Mountain Region is a program of the National Cancer Institute (NCI) serving the states of Arizona, Colorado, Montana, New Mexico, Utah, and Wyoming in cooperation with Penrose-St. Francis Health Services.

Selected NCI Press Releases / NewsCenter Items

Available at <http://www.cancer.gov/newscenter/>.

- National Institutes of Health to Map Genomic Changes of Lung, Brain, and Ovarian Cancers (9/13/06)
- Aspartame and Cancer: Questions and Answers (9/12/06)
- Statement from the National Institutes of Health On Cancer Genetics Findings at Johns Hopkins University (9/7/06)
- Annual Report to the Nation Finds Cancer Death Rates Continue to Drop; Lower Cancer Rates Observed in U.S. Latino Populations (9/6/06)
- Estimating Breast Cancer Risk: Questions and Answers (9/5/06)
- New Method of Gene Therapy Alters Immune Cells Treatment of Advanced Melanoma; Technique May Also Apply to Other Common Cancers (8/31/06)
- COX-2 Inhibitors and Cancer: Questions and Answers (8/30/06)

NCI Fact Sheet Collection

New, revised and reviewed titles. Available at

<http://www.cancer.gov/cancertopics/factsheet/>.

- Gene Therapy for Cancer: Questions and Answers (FS 7.18, 8/31/06)
- Inflammatory Breast Cancer: Questions and Answers (FS 6.2, 8/29/06)

Other NCI Publication of Interest

The latest issue of the NCI publication *Benchmarks* was recently released, featuring an article titled "Minority Populations in Clinical Trials." The article addresses barriers to minority participation in clinical trials, the effect low minority participation has on existing health disparities and successful outreach programs, among other topics. See <http://www.cancer.gov/newscenter/benchmarks-vol6-issue4>.

Other Items of Interest

The "Annual Report to the Nation on the Status of Cancer, 1975-2003, Featuring Cancer among U.S. Hispanic/Latino Populations," a new report from the nation's leading cancer organizations, is published in the October 15, 2006 issue of *Cancer*. The report provides updated statistics on cancer rates and trends from 1975 through 2003 and features a special section on cancer among Hispanic/Latino populations living in the United States. To view the full report, visit www.interscience.wiley.com/cancer/report2006.

A new Cancer Control PLANET List Serve has been developed to provide subscribers monthly updates on new features of the Web portal. Cancer Control PLANET provides access to data and resources that can help planners, program staff, and researchers to design, implement and evaluate evidence-based cancer control programs. Subscribers will also receive a quarterly newsletter highlighting specific features of PLANET. To learn more about Cancer Control PLANET or to subscribe to the List Serve, visit <http://cancercontrolplanet.cancer.gov>.

Ask the CIS Column

Short, easy-to-read columns based on the latest cancer information from NCI, in question-and-answer format for newsletters and other publications. Please contact your Partnership Program Coordinator to access full columns. (Contact information is on page 3.) This month's columns focus on breast cancer.

Online Service – LiveHelp

Confidential, online text chat with a National Cancer Institute Information Specialist. Available Mon. – Fri., 9 a.m. – 11 p.m. EST. For cancer information and to order NCI publications call 1-800-4-CANCER (1-800-422-6237) or visit <http://www.cancer.gov>

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National Health Observances

The National Health Observances calendar comes from the National Health Information Center Web site:

<http://www.healthfinder.gov/library/nho/nho.asp?year=2006>

October cancer-related observances:

Healthy Lung Month

Lung Health Day (October 25)

National Breast Cancer Awareness Month

National Mammography Day (October 20)

Looking ahead to November observances:

Great American Smokeout (November 16)

Lung Cancer Awareness Month

Pancreatic Cancer Awareness Month

National Events of Interest

- ✓ **40th Annual American Association for Cancer Education (AACE) Meeting: Innovative Interventions and Methods in Cancer Education**

Sponsors: American Association for Cancer Education, University of California, San Diego, School of Medicine

Dates: October 12-14, 2006

Location: Catamaran Resort Hotel on Mission Bay, San Diego, CA

Registration and Contact: Different fees for members, non-members and students. Complete details about the conference and online registration available at <http://aace.cponline.info/>. Additional contacts can be made via e-mail at ocme@ucsd.edu or phone at 858-534-3940.

Summary: Cancer education plays a key role in the dissemination and implementation of cancer prevention, treatment and palliation. Topics on the agenda of the conference include cancer prevention, treatment, supportive cancer care, palliative cancer care, cancer research, sources of support for education and research, and the design, development, implementation, evaluation, and dissemination of cancer education programs.

- ✓ **3rd Annual Spit Tobacco Summit—Advancing Understanding and Building Collaboration**

Sponsor: Mayo Clinic

Dates: October 16-18, 2006

Location: Siebens Building, Mayo Clinic, Rochester, MN

Contact: The Mayo School of Continuing Medical Education, phone 800-323-2688 or e-mail cme@mayo.edu. Full conference details available online at <http://www.mayo.edu/cme/rch-courses.html>.

Summary: This meeting is designed to bring together individuals from a variety of disciplines interested in smokeless tobacco. This includes tobacco treatment specialists, basic scientists, population researchers, clinical trialists, physicians, dentists, dental hygienists, advocacy groups, tobacco prevention and control administrators, youth advocates, and Native American and Alaska Native tribal tobacco prevention and treatment service providers. Topics will cover a range of interests pertaining to the smokeless tobacco field: research, clinical treatment, health risks, community approaches to treatment and prevention, building partnerships, and addressing health disparities. Interdisciplinary collaborations will be fostered and critical areas for advancing the field will be outlined.

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- ✓ **NIH Conference on Understanding and Reducing Disparities in Health: Behavioral and Social Sciences Research Contributions**

Sponsors: National Institutes of Health Office of Behavioral and Social Research

Dates: October 23-24, 2006

Location: Natcher Conference Center, NIH Campus, Bethesda, MD

Registration and Contact: No fee. The full agenda and contact information are provided at <http://obssr.od.nih.gov/HealthDisparities/index.html>. Online registration is available.

Summary: The conference will focus on three broad areas influencing health disparities: policy, prevention, and health care. It will emphasize basic research on the behavioral, social, and biomedical pathways giving rise to disparities in health, as well as applied research on the development, testing, and delivery of interventions to reduce disparities in these three areas.

- ✓ **16th Annual Cancer Patient Education Network Meeting—Gateway To The Future: Expanding Patient Education**

Sponsors: Cancer Patient Education Network (CPEN), Siteman Cancer Center, Barnes Jewish Hospital and Washington University

Dates: October 25-28, 2006

Location: Siteman Cancer Center, St. Louis, MO

Registration and Contact: Different fees for members and non-members. Full details, including the agenda and contact information are available at <http://www.cancerpatienteducation.org/>.

Summary: This national educational conference will address the multidisciplinary opportunities, challenges, and approaches to educating oncology patients and their caregivers. The conference is designed to present evidence-based strategies to meet the educational needs of cancer patients and their caregivers and to identify educational interventions that address the issues impacting cancer patients and their caregivers across the cancer continuum.

- ✓ **SOPHE 57th Annual Meeting: Health as a Human Right—Health Education, Equality and Social Justice for All**

Sponsor: Society for Public Health Education (SOPHE)

Dates: November 2-5, 2006

Location: Sheraton Boston Hotel, Boston, MA

Registration: See link below for registration and preliminary information about the annual meeting. http://www.sophe.org/singlenews.asp?item_ID=3842

Summary: This conference will examine the reciprocal influences of health and human rights, including the impact public health programs and policies have on human rights and health disparities, the consequences human rights violations have on health, the importance of health in realizing human rights, and the ways in which health educators can ensure that human rights are integrated into public health strategies to eliminate disparities.

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National Events of Interest *(continued)*

- ✓ **American Public Health Association 134th Annual Meeting and Exposition: Public Health and Human Rights**


Sponsor: American Public Health Association (APHA)

Dates: November 4-8, 2006

Location: Boston Convention and Exhibition Center, Boston, MA

Registration and Contact: Registration fees differ for members, non-members and students. Complete details, including the full agenda and registration information are available at <http://www.apha.org/meetings/>.

Summary: The APHA Annual Meeting will examine health and human rights from multiple perspectives, including social sciences and natural and quantitative sciences. It will explore human rights issues in the areas of employment, healthcare, security, race, reproductive rights and mental health. This interdisciplinary approach evaluates the complex issues at the intersection of health and human rights and enables more promising solutions and employs more accurate evaluation techniques.

- ✓ **Save the Date: 30th Annual National Rural Health Association Conference** 

Sponsor: National Rural Health Association

Dates: May 14-18, 2007

Location: Anchorage, AK

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Call for abstracts and papers: Student research paper award deadline is Nov. 1, 2006.

Summary: To learn more about the Conference, and/or submit an abstract or paper, go to

<http://www.nrharural.org/conferences/sub/AnnConf.html>

- ✓ **Save the Date: 2007 National Health Education Conference & SOPHE's 2007 Midyear Scientific Conference: The Changing Face of Health Education and Health Promotion** 

Sponsors: Society for Public Health Education, Directors of Health Promotion and Education, and the Centers for Disease Control & Prevention

Dates: June 7-9, 2007

Location: Seattle, WA

Call for abstracts and papers: Proposals are encouraged for concurrent sessions, pre- or post-conference workshops and poster presentations. The abstract submission deadline is October 20, 2006.

Summary: To learn more about the Conference, and/or submit an abstract or paper, go to

http://www.sophe.org/abstract_index.asp

National Funding Opportunities – New listings 

No new funding opportunities identified this month.

Previously listed funding opportunities

Funding opportunities are listed one time only, due to space constraints. We can provide listings published in previous newsletters upon request.

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